

What is claimed is:

1. A packaging restraint, comprising:
a first layer comprising a compressible, resilient
5 material; and
a second layer comprising an abrasion-resistant
material.

2. The restraint according to claim 1, wherein
10 the restraint is substantially L-shaped.

3. The restraint according to claim 1, wherein
the restraint is a laminated article.

4. The restraint according to claim 1, wherein
15 the restraint comprises a first leg and a second leg defining
a vertex, wherein the vertex comprises a groove.

5. The restraint according to claim 1, including
20 an attachment member attached to the second layer.

6. The restraint according to claim 1, wherein
the two layers comprise different materials.

7. The restraint according to claim 2, wherein
25 the first layer is an inner layer comprising at least one
material selected from cork, rubber and foamed or non-foamed
polymeric materials.

8. The restraint according to claim 7, wherein
30 the polymeric materials are selected from the group consisting
of polyethylene, polybutene, polybutadiene, polycarbonate,
neoprene, polyisoprene, polyvinyl chloride, polystyrene,
polypropylene, polyurethane, polyesters, polyalkanes, and
35 polyalkenes.

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9. The restraint according to claim 7, wherein the inner layer comprises foamed polyethylene.

5 10. The restraint according to claim 9, wherein the foamed polyethylene has a density of 3 to 9 pounds (1.3 to 4 kg).

10 11. The restraint according to claim 1, wherein the second layer is an outer layer comprising at least one material selected from metal, wood, and foamed or non-foamed polymeric materials.

15 12. The restraint according to claim 11, wherein the polymeric materials are selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, polybutene, polybutadiene, polycarbonate, neoprene, polyisoprene, polyvinyl chloride, polystyrene, polypropylene, polyurethane, polyesters, polyalkanes, and polyalkenes.

20 13. The restraint according to claim 11, wherein the outer layer comprises polyurethane.

25 14. The restraint according to claim 1, wherein the second layer has a hardness greater than that of the first layer.

30 15. The restraint according to claim 5, wherein the attachment member includes a slot.

35 16. A restraint for packaging glass sheets, the restraint comprising:

a first leg having an inner surface configured to contact at least a portion of the glass sheets and an outer surface; and

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a second leg having an inner surface configured to contact at least a portion of the glass sheets and an outer surface, the first and second legs defining a vertex;

wherein the inner surfaces are comprised at least
5 partly of a compressible material, and

wherein the outer surfaces are comprised at least partly of a material having a hardness greater than that of the compressible material.

10 17. The restraint according to claim 16, wherein the inner surfaces comprise polyethylene.

15 18. The restraint according to claim 17, wherein the polyethylene is foamed polyethylene having a density of 3 to 9 pounds (1.3 to 4 kg).

19. The restraint according to claim 16, wherein the outer surfaces comprise polyurethane.

20 20. The restraint according to claim 16, including an attachment member attached to at least one outer surface.

25 21. The restraint according to claim 16, wherein the vertex comprises a groove.

22. A restraint for securing a plurality of articles, the restraint comprising:

30 an inner layer comprising foamed polyethylene having a density of 3 pounds to 9 pounds (1.3 to 4 kg);

an outer layer comprising polyurethane and having a hardness greater than that of the inner layer; and

at least one attachment member connected to the outer layer and having a slot.

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23. A shipping container, comprising:

a base;

a plurality of articles carried on the base and
defining a unit having at least two opposed edges;

5 at least one restraint located along the two opposed
edges, the restraint comprising an inner layer comprising a
compressible, resilient material and an outer layer comprising
an abrasion-resistant material; and

10 a fastening member contacting the restraints to
secure the articles to the base.

24. The container according to claim 23, wherein
the articles are flat, frangible articles.

15 25. The container according to claim 24, wherein
the articles are flat glass sheets.

26. A method of shipping articles, comprising the
steps of:

20 placing a plurality of articles on a base such that
the articles form a glass stack having at least two opposed
edges;

25 placing at least one restraint at each of the two
opposed edges, the restraint comprising an inner material
comprising a compressible, resilient material and an outer
material comprising an abrasion-resistant material; and

placing a fastening member in contact with the
restraints to secure the articles to the base.

30 27. The method according to claim 26, wherein the
articles are glass sheets.

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